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SUBJECT: EC CONSULTATIONS ON AID TO SOMALIA

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1. EC AMBASSADOR FERNAND SPAAK CALLED ON AF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY RICHARD MOOSE APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS EC AND US
PLANS FOR AID TO SOMALIA. THE CALL WAS MADE IN ORDER
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TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR EC EXPERTS MEETING OF APRIL 20
ON SOMALIA WHICH WILL ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE VARIOUS
BILATERAL PROJECTS AS WELL AS TO PLAN EC ASSISTANCE.
THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOLLOWED EARLIER DISCUS-
SIONS BETWEEN EC COMMISSIONER CLAUDE CHEYSSON AND
RICHARD MOOSE.

2. MR. MOOSE BEGAN BY NOTING THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO SOMALIA AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL EMISSARY, HE HAD SOUGHT ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT SIAD THAT SOMALIA WOULD NOT USE FORCE AGAINST ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS. THE TWO SIDES HAD COME CLOSE TO A COMMON FORMULA FOR THESE ASSURANCES, BUT ABSOLUTE AGREEMENT WAS NOT ACHIEVED. THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COULD ENTER INTO ANY RELATIONSHIP TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE ARMS FOR SOMALIA; IT WOULD ALSO BE AN IMPORTANT

FACTOR IN ANY MAJOR EXPANSION OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE US INTENDED TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SIAD UPON HIS RETURN FROM CHINA IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE QUESTION OF ASSURANCES. THE US RECOGNIZED THAT EVEN THE LIMITED MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMALIA WHICH WE FORESAW WOULD BE A DIFFICULT ONE TO MANAGE, AND WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS IN KENYA AND ETHIOPIA AS WELL AS POSITIVE ONES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE OTHER CONSERVATIVE ARAB STATES. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVED IT WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE THAT SOMALIA NOT RETURN TO ITS FORMER CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. MR. MOOSE EMPHASIZED THE UNITED STATES INTEREST IN EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH THE EC, ON RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA.

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3. CURRENT US ASSISTANCE: IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES AT PRESENT HAD AN AID PROGRAM CONSISTING OF FOUR ELEMENTS: A DOLS 7 MILLION PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM UNDER WHICH 50,000 TONS OF FOOD GRAINS WOULD BE PROVIDED; A DOLS 5.7 MILLION PL 480 TITLE II PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDED 23,600 TONS OF FOOD ON A GRANT BASIS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS; A DOLS 4 MILLION AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, TRAINING AND EXTENSION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT NOW BEING DESIGNED TO BE MANAGED BY A US UNIVERSITY TEAM; AND A RURAL HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT WHICH WE DO NOT EXPECT TO FUND IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNHCR APPEAL FOR DOLS 12 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THOSE DISPLACED BY THE OGADEN FIGHTING.

4. FUTURE US PROGRAM INITIATIVES: WE ARE PREPARED TO EXPAND THE FOOD AID PROGRAM AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ASSUMING AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH THE GS DR ON THE NATURE AND AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE. EC REPRESENTATIVES WERE REMINDED THAT BECAUSE OF THE MANDATE OF THE US CONGRESS, WE MUST INCLUDE IN OUR PROGRAM ONLY THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH DEMONSTRABLY DELIVER BENEFITS TO THE

POOR MAJORITY. WE ARE THEREFORE CONSTRAINED MORE BY THE IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF PROJECTS IN SOMALIA, THAN BY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

5. IN RETURN THE EC REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED US THAT THE SOMALIS HAD ASKED THEM TO CONSIDER 24 PROJECTS WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SPONSORED BY THE SOVIETS. THE EC PROJECTED APPROXIMATELY DOLS I MILLION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID, SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE ESPECIALLY VALUED FOLLOWING THE CANCELLATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BETWEEN

SOMALIA AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE EUROPEAN NINE PREFERRED TO EMPHASIZE BILATERAL AID IN SOMALIA WITH EC AID AS A RESIDUAL EFFORT. (IN ETHIOPIA, ON THE OTHER HAND, MULTILATERAL AID WOULD BE STRESSED, SINCE THE ETHIOPIAN

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GOVERNMENT SEEMED SUSPICIOUS OF BILATERAL WESTERN AID). AMBASSADOR SPAAK PROMISED TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF RESULTS OF APRIL 20 MEETING ON SOMALIA.

6. ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON PARAGRAPH 3 AND 4 AS APPROPRIATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

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